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WAITING LIST OF CELLONE MOBILE SERVICE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a long waiting list of those seeking connection under BSNL's mobile phone service "Cellone" in Aurangabad district of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of towers setup in Aurangabad district so far and the number of towers proposed to be setup, location-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that the number of persons seeking basic phone connections has declined in Maharashtra;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) Due to constraints in capacity, there is a waiting list of around 26000 numbers seeking BSNL's pre-paid cellular connections in Aurangabad district.

(c) At present 42 numbers of Base Station Towers are working in Aurangabad district for cellular services. The details of Mobile Base Stations planned to be set up during this financial year is given in the Annexure.

(d) & (e) Subscribers are presently inclined towards wireless services due to its advantage of mobility, flexibility and availability of number of Value Added Services. This phenomenon is universal and not particular to Indian telecom scenario including the state of Maharashtra. There has been a healthy trend in telecom growth with wireless services witnessing a higher growth compared to basic wire line services.

(f) Keeping in view the industry trend and choice of subscribers, BSNL is expanding its mobile and WLL services. BSNL has planned to provide 7.52 lakh telephone connections both on wireless and wire line systems.

ANNEXURE

DETAILS OF MOBILE BASE STATIONS EXISTING/PLANNED IN 2005-06 IN AURANGABAD

S.NO	LOCATION NAME	MOBILE BASE STATION EXISTING	MOBILE BASE STATION PLANNED
1	AURANGABAD	22	43
2	CHITEGAON	1	0
3	KULTABAD	1	0
4	ELLORA	1	0
5	AJANTA	0	1
6	SILLOD	2	0
7	KANNAD	1	1
8	VAIJAPUR	1	1
9	PAITHAN	1	0
10	PACHOD	1	0

11	ADUL	0	1
12	AJANTHA(V)	0	1
13	AMTHANA	0	1
14	BAZARSAVANGI	0	1
15	BHAMARWADI	0	1
16	CHAPANER	0	1
17	DAULATABAD	0	1
18	DEOGAON RANGARI	0	1
19	DHOREGAON	0	1
20	DHORKIN	0	1
21	GALLEBORGAON	0	1
22	GARAJ	0	1
23	GONDEGAON	0	1
24	JAIKWADI	0	1
25	KACHNER	0	1
26	KHANDALA	0	1
27	LADGAON	0	1
28	LADSAWANGI	0	1
29	LONI KH	0	1
30	MAHALGAON	0	1
31	PALOD	0	1
32	PARSODA	0	1
33	POTUL	0	1
34	SHIVUR	0	1
35	VIHMANDWA	0	1
36	DABHARUL	0	1
37	KATE-PIMPALGAON	0	1
38	ANDHARI	0	1
39	AMBHOI	0	1
40	MAISMAL	0	1
41	SAWALDBARA	0	1
42	MITMIATA(H/W)	0	1
43	BHALGAON(H/W)	0	1
44	PAITHAN NOMINA(H/W)	0	1
45	HATNOOR(H/W)	0	1
46	FARDAPUR	1	0
47	GOLEGAON	1	0
48	PISHOR	1	0
49	GANGAPUR	1	0
50	ALAND	1	0
51	KARMAD	1	0
52	LASUR	1	0
53	PHULAMBARI	1	0
54	SOYGAON	1	0
55	BIDKIN	1	0
56	SULTANPUR	0	1
57	SHENDRA MIDC	0	1
58	CHINCHOLI LIMBAJI	0	1
59	CHITTE-PIMPAL GAON	0	1
60	TURKABAD	0	1
61	BALANAGAR	0	1